#### 107TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 161

Designating October 17, 2001, as a "Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence".

### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2001

Mrs. Murray (for herself, Mr. Warner, Mr. Bingaman, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Corzine, Mr. Daschle, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Kohl, Mr. Levin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Nelson of Nebraska, Mr. Reed, Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Wellstone, Mr. Torricelli, and Mr. Thurmond) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## **RESOLUTION**

Designating October 17, 2001, as a "Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence".

Whereas young people are our Nation's most important resource, and we, as a society, have a vested interest in enabling children to grow in an environment free from fear and violence;

Whereas young people can, by taking responsibility for their own decisions and actions and by positively influencing the decisions and actions of others, help chart a new, less violent course for the entire Nation; Whereas students in every school district in the Nation will be invited to take part in a day of nationwide observance involving millions of their fellow students, and will thereby be empowered to see themselves as significant agents in a wave of positive social change; and

Whereas the observance of October 17, 2001, as a "Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence" will allow students to make a positive and earnest decision about their future by having the opportunity to voluntarily sign the "Student Pledge Against Gun Violence" and promise that they will never take a gun to school, will never use a gun to settle a dispute, and will actively use their influence in a positive manner to prevent friends from using guns to settle disputes: Now, therefore, be it

### 1 Resolved, That the Senate—

- 2 (1) designates October 17, 2001, as a "Day of
- 3 National Concern About Young People and Gun Vio-
- 4 lence"; and
- 5 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
- 6 mation calling on the school children of the United
- 7 States to observe the day with appropriate cere-
- 8 monies and activities.

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